

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q95278

Manabu WATANABE, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/582,002

Group Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No.: 8934

Examiner: Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury

Filed: June 7, 2006

For: SURFACTANT TOLERANT CELLULASE AND METHOD FOR MODIFICATION
THEREOF

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on
October 22, 2009:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was mailed December 21, 2009.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None
2. Identification of claims discussed: 5-7, 16, 19 and 20
3. Identification of art discussed: None
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: None
5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: None

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: Applicants thank Examiner Chowdhury for conducting a telephone interview with Applicants' representatives, Joseph J. Ruch, Jr. and Tu A. Phan-Kerr on October 22, 2009. During the telephone interview, the rejections under § 112, first and second paragraph as well as the rejection under § 102(b) were discussed. Examiner Chowdhury suggested amending claim 7 to recite an "isolated" protein to help preemptively address a rejection under § 101, and suggested Applicants keep the recitation to the "endoglucanase activity" in claim 7 part (c) to help address the 112, first paragraph rejections.

7. Results of Interview: Examiner Chowdhury acknowledged and agreed to consider Applicants' arguments and any further claim amendments after a response is filed.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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